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O'CONNOR, et al. )  
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THE DETECTION OF ANALYTES )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This preliminary amendment accompanies the filing of a continuing prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). The preliminary amendment is directed to the Office communication mailed October 3, 2000. Consideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is kindly solicited.

Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time, containing a provision for payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response by three months,